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today's
WEATHER



HIGH: 76
LOW: 60
Partly sunny.
Winds 5-10 mph.

tomorrow's
WEATHER



HIGH: 82
LOW: 57
Mostly sunny.
Winds 5-15 mph.



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Raising registration fees recommended

BY BRENT ZELL
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Recommendation to raise the city's recreation registration fees were presented to the Enterprise City Council during a work session Tuesday at City Hall.

City Parks and Recreation Director Billy Powell told council members that the city's fees, primarily youth sports, have remained unchanged since 1997,

when registration fees were raised from \$20 to \$25. Current fees are \$25 for signing up the first child in a family for an activity and \$20 for each additional child in the family.

Today, Powell said, the fees charged are not covering the cost of football jerseys, for example. Last season, the costs for football jerseys were \$19.75 per youth size and \$20.75 per adult size. Also, participants receive

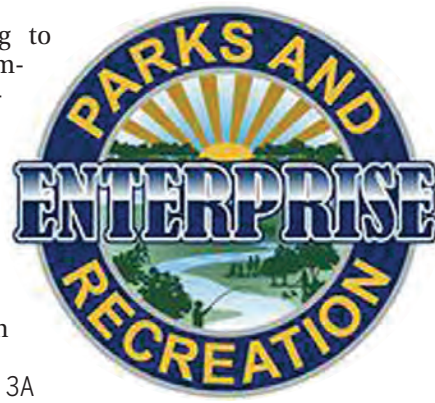
trophies; basketball trophies alone cost \$1,700 for about 400 participants, Powell said. The cost of game officials adds thousands of dollars more. The per-participant cost, once all expenses have been factored, is hundreds of dollars.

"Our costs have been going up gradually, little by little," Powell said.

Powell proposed raising fees in sports like softball, basketball,

baseball and cheerleading to \$35 for the first child in a family, then \$30 for each additional child. Football's fees would be set at \$40 and \$35, respectively, because of the cost of jerseys.

Based on the current number of participants for baseball and softball — 602 participants at \$25 each



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SETTING HIGH STANDARDS

Local lawyer named president of county's bar association

From staff reports

James Tarbox of Enterprise recently was selected as Coffee County Bar Association president, according to a news release.

Tarbox, who works at the Marsh & Cotter law firm, will head up an association comprised of about 80 attorneys. The association links its attorneys with opportunities for continuing legal education and updated information on the legal system, as well as informs the public about the profession and system.

Tarbox handles a wide range of cases and focuses on criminal defense, juvenile dependency, probate issues and education law.

In the news release, Tarbox said that as part of his new office, he wants to bring in ideas for having dedicated days of service activities that are sponsored by the association. The Alabama State Bar's motto is "Lawyers Render Service."

Recent services activities by the association have included doing free last wills and testaments and estate planning for first responders.

"It is important for our organization to give back to the local community," Tarbox said in the news release. "Also, we need to find opportunities to help support our Fort Rucker military citizens."

Tarbox has a family connection to the military, as his twin brother is a captain and aviator in the Army.

"I want our local bar association to help provide programs which supplement the legal services the military provides its members in way that lets our military community know that we appreciate them," he said.

Tarbox, who came to Enterprise in August 2013, earned his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law and interned in the Alabama attorney general's office and with the Army JAG Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

His community activities include be-



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ing a member of the Enterprise Rotary Club and volunteering with the Boy Scouts.

James and his wife, Mallorie, were married in 2015. She works in the local retail industry.

Enterprise considering new phone system

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The city of Enterprise is considering a new phone system, an official said at a City Council work session Tuesday at City Hall.

City Communications Director Jason Wright told council members that the city was approached in December that the maintenance agreement for the current system, which was installed in October 2012, was up. Without a maintenance agreement, a situation in which the phone system needed work could be "crippling," he said.

The current system also lacks features, is outdated and has no redundancy, Wright added. The system also has numerous fax lines.

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Wildcats' season ends with regional loss

The Enterprise High School girls' basketball team had its season ended Wednesday with a 51-37 loss to Auburn in the Class 2A regional semifinals at Montgomery. The Wildcats finished the 2017-18 campaign with an 18-11 record.



From staff reports

Chamber committee presents grant to teacher

BY GWEN BLACK
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The Enterprise Chamber of Commerce Education Committee presented Enterprise Early Education Center WeeCats Preschool teacher Deborah Owens with an \$800 grant check Tuesday.

Owens will be collaborating with Enterprise High School robotic department to use a 3D printer for visually impaired students. EHS engineering teacher Josh King brought a 3D printer to the presentation and will be working with Owens to design and print projects.

"I would like to thank the chamber of commerce so much for this grant," Owens said. "This grant means so much to

the students of WeeCats Preschool as it affords preschool students the opportunity to work with Enterprise High School students in the area of 3-D printing and allows everyone to help make Braille puzzles and raised board books that can be used by our visually impaired students to facilitate the skills needed to be successful in beginning Braille."

The committee asked teachers to submit applications and give a brief explanation of what they would use the grant money for if they were to be selected. Once the applications were submitted and reviewed, Owens was chosen to be awarded the check.



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Pictured (from left) are Josh King, Deborah Owens, Joylee Cain, Amanda Hughes, Travis Parker, Jo Brooks, Jacque Hawkins, Erin Grantham and Zel Thomas.

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